

U.S. Application No.: 10/606,974
SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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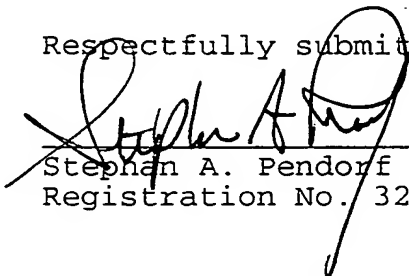
REMARKS

The claims have been amended in order to eliminate multiple dependent claims and claims improperly depending from multiple dependent claims, and to otherwise conform the claims to U.S. practice. Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter is added to the text.

Replacement drawing sheets are attached, wherein the German "Figur" is amended to the English "Fig.".

Entry and favorable consideration prior to consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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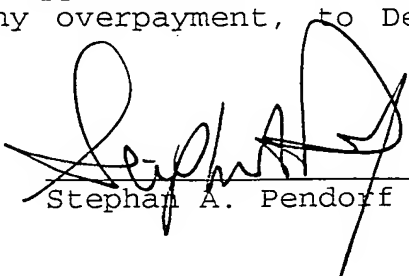
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESPONSE TO MISSING PARTS for U.S. Application No. 10/606,974 filed June 26, 2003, was deposited in first class U.S. mail, postage prepaid, **Attn: Mail Stop Missing Parts**, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **November 17, 2003**.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0877.


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